

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Our mission is to tell the story of the Cuyuna Iron Range and its people.

Myrna Nelson

December 2019

As I write this, I am beginning to put up my Christmas decorations, inside and out. I am very much aware of the unseasonable cold weather we are having this November and I'm thankful the unheated museum is closed for the season!

Recollecting on the past year for the Heritage Network, I am very pleased to report that we are a very progressive organization. We are a history group but are constantly looking to the future. We are very aware that today's actions are the history of those that follow in our footsteps. "SAVE OUR HISTORY"

The Heritage good friends Gina, Dick and Darlene Hlidek, owners of the Hallett Bed and Breakfast, are in the process of moving. They have been wonderful supporters and friends of the Heritage. Good luck in your next adventure. Thank you for all the Hallett treasures you have shared with our organization.

Our Annual Meeting is on Monday, December 10 at the Hallett Library at 6:00PM. We hope to report on our accomplishments of 2019 and plans for 2020.

History Never Gets Old

**CUYUNA IRON RANGE
HERITAGE NETWORK
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, December 10, 6:00 PM
Jessie Hallett Library
Everyone is welcome.

THANK YOU

The Cuyuna Iron Range Heritage Network and Soo Line Depot Museum would like to thank the following organizations and people:

***Thanks to everyone who made our Heritage Days Artisan Fair a success.**

***Thanks to Joe Nelson of Nelson Window Cleaning for making the museum windows look amazing.**

***Thanks to Joan Hasskamp for donating flower bulbs for the museum park.**

***Thanks to Amy from Backyard Greenhouse for flowers and bulbs to brighten the museum grounds.**

***Thanks to Bill and Sherry Reffell from Whistlin' Petes for our new Heritage refrigerator magnets.**

***Thanks to Mark Fletcher for installing the sidewalk pavers.**

***All our hardworking volunteers who manned the museum 5 days a week all summer.**

***All our wonderful museum visitors and their supportive comments.**

**PRESERVING OUR PAST
BUILDING OUR FUTURE**

Visit our website.
www.cuyunahistory.org

DID YOU KNOW

*In 1900, 6 hole Acme Sterling Steel Cook Range cost \$22.50 from Sears Roebuck Catalog.

*You could get a driver's license at age 15 in 1933 by applying to the Commissioner of Highways and paying \$0.25.

*The 1900 Sears Roebuck Catalog offers you the chance to be musical with their Starter Acme Banjo for \$2.95.

*If the head of the household paid the fee for a driver's license in 1933, each additional family member could be issued a license at no additional fee.

*In 1933, anyone using farm machinery and anyone in the military services when furnished a driving permit and operating an official motor vehicle in such service shall be exempt from license.

WORDS OF WISDOM

From "Family Circus" by Bil Keane

"How will I ever learn history when every day the world keeps makin' more?"

This 'n That

I'm wondering why it took me 45 years to figure out "heads I win, tails you lose".

Interesting message left on my phone:
Sorry you did not reveal yourself to be human. GOODBYE!

QUICK DESSERT

From Sharon Wasserzieher

1/4 cup cooking oil
1 package cake mix
2 eggs
1/2 cup water
1 (21 oz.) can pie filling
Powdered sugar (if desired)

Pour oil into a 9 x 13 pan and tilt to cover the bottom with the oil. Put dry cake mix, eggs and water in the pan. Stir with a fork until blended. Scrape sides of pan and spread batter evenly in the pan. Spoon pie filling into batter and gently "marble" into the batter. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes. Sprinkle with powdered sugar, if desired. Serve with ice cream or whipped topping.

FLAVOR SUGGESTIONS:

White or yellow cake with and fruit pie filling.

Chocolate cake mix with cherry pie filling.

Pineapple cake mix with pineapple pie filling.

.....or any combination you think would be good.
"This is a very good recipe that I've used for many years. If you have any left over, put into a plastic container and refrigerate."

From Cuyuna Range Miner 7/2/15

A married man must have been the author of the following:

"There is gladness in her gladness when she's glad; there is sadness in her sadness when she's sad.

But the gladness of her gladness and the sadness of her sadness are nothing to her madness when she's mad.

2019 SOO LINE DEPOT ARTISAN FAIR

The Cuyuna Iron Range Heritage Board Members hosted the annual 2019 Soo Line Depot Artisan Fair on August 17th during Heritage Days in Crosby. This event will be planned for next year during the same weekend, which usually is the third Saturday of August, so watch for event flyers and mark your calendar.

The Artisan Fair was a huge success this year. The weather was perfect and the vendors were wonderful and interesting, the silent auction items were worth bidding on and the free cookies and soda were a hit. The Museum was visited by over 200 people that day and it was our largest fund raiser to date.

The success of this event could not have happened without the support of these area businesses and Network Members: Pamela Jean Kruizenga, Uplifted Wellness, Ace Hardware, Crosby Chamber of Commerce, Oars 'n Mines, Super One, Merritt Jewelry, Whistling Wolf, Crosswoods Golf Course, Paul Kirkman, Iron Range Eatery, North Country, Croft Pub & Grub, Crosby Video Transcript, Crosby/Ironton Floral, Mixed Company, and Cycle Path & Paddle.



Charles Lindberg at the forge.

This year the Artists/Vendors who participated in the fair were Charles Lindberg, Blacksmith, Larry & Kay Chismar, Honey, Dave & Esther Endicott and their Alpacas with demonstrations on how to spin, weave felt from Alpaca fur and Barb Morgan with Rosemaling. The major attraction of the day was the Endicotts brought

two of their Alpacas with them to visit with everyone.



Barb Morgan's Rosemaling

If anyone wishes to sign up as an Artist/Vendor or would like to make a donation to the Silent Auction for next year please call the Network office at (218) 545-1166.



The Endicott Alpacas

Help support our Crosby Museum,
“Telling the story of the Cuyuna Iron Range and its people.”

HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!!!!



Another amazingly successful year for the Cuyuna Iron Range Heritage Network. We are grateful for all the dedicated members who put in many hours each week at the Museum.

We deeply appreciate any and all donations to the Heritage Network and the Soo Line Depot Museum. Due to our limited storage and display space, we can only accept items with direct connections to the Cuyuna Iron Range.

MUSEUM YEARLY TOTALS

2010	\$1,456.25	Visitors	732
2011	\$1,806.01	Visitors	890
2012	\$1,891.42	Visitors	862
2013	\$2,183.18	Visitors	808
2014	\$2,213.58	Visitors	775
2015	\$3,406.55	Visitors	1011
2016	\$3,351.73	Visitors	1050
2017	\$3,540.67	Visitors	1255
2018	\$3,721.81	Visitors	1568
2019	\$3,600.76	Visitors	1449

FROM THE MILFORD

Mr. Frank Hrvatin, Sr's body was found on a Sunday night on the 165 ft. level of the mine. He left a widow and nine children.

Mr. Hrvatin's oldest child, and the only son, Frank Jr. was in the mine. He gave the alarm but was unable to save his father who shouted "goodbye" when the flood came in.

Interment took place at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby.

Frank Jr. had to go back into mining as he became the breadwinner for his mother and 8 sisters.

Enrollment cards at the Heritage Office

We have received a donation of hundreds of Naturalization and School Enrollments cards. They go back as far as the 1920's. If you think your family may be represented on those cards, please feel free to visit our office in the lower level of the Unity Bank Building and search for your ancestry.

Visit our website.

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RICHARD AND KAYE GILLMAN SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

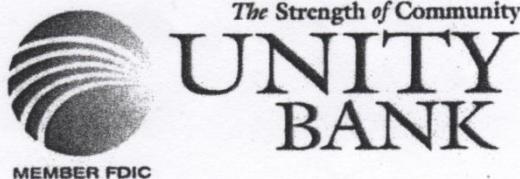
The 2019 winner of the \$500 Richard and Kaye Gillman Scholarship is Madison (Maddie) Midthun of Ironton.

Maddie's family has a long history on the Cuyuna Iron Range. This excerpt is from her application:

Cuyuna Range Heritage and History is important in my family. I was born and raised in Crosby-Ironton as were my parents and family generations before them. My great, great-grandfather, Severin Koop, was a dear friend of Mr. Hallett and per Hallett's wishes, took over his mortuary. Severin and his son after him, my great grandfather Phillip Koop, owned and operated Koop Funeral Home for many years. The name still stands.

A well-known and newspaper published story tells of the infamous criminal John Seadlund and his wishes to have Severin attend his execution in the electric chair and then transport his body back to Crosby where Seadlund grew up. Another interesting detail is that John Seadlund also requested my great, great-grandmother, Amelia Koop, Severin's wife, to sing at his funeral.

My Great Grandfather Phillip also played an important role in the startup of the hospital, CMRC, when it first opened here in town. After I attend college I am hoping to return to Crosby and work as a nurse at CRMC.



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BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!

The Cuyuna Iron Range Heritage Network continues to sell many of our books, written by our members.

Cuyuna Country – a People's History, Vol. I, II and III
(A history of the Cuyuna Iron Range)

Gourmet Grub, Cuyuna Range Roots & Recipes

Milford Mine Disaster, written by Berger Aulie

News and Nonsense (A compilation of articles from area newspapers from the past)

Cuy-Una!, a Chronicle of the Cuyuna Range

Hot Beds is not a Dirty Word/Deadly Winter,
(Novels set in the early days of the Cuyuna Range,
written by Beverly Mindrum Johnson)

A Family of Pioneers, (history of the Knieff family
on Bay Lake)

The Flight of Man High II, (manned balloon flight
launched from Portsmouth Pit)

Indian Trail Magazine, (identifies land and water
trails of the Ojibwe and Sioux Nations)

These books are available for sale at our office in
the lower level of the Unity Bank Building.

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